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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Olaf Erik Alexander Isele, et al.

Serial No.: 09/446,550

: Group Art Unit: 3735

Filed: December 22, 1999

: Examiner: C. L. Anderson

For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH CLOTHLIKE FEEL BACKSHEET
HAVING ZONED BREATHABILITY AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SUCH
BACKSHEETS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JUNE 5, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

INTRODUCTION

Applicants' Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified Application. Claims 1-14 are pending in the Application, Claims 1-14 have been rejected.

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Action dated June 5, 2002. A detailed discussion of each issue is provided in the sections which follow.

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